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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously presented) An ultrasonic diagnosis apparatus comprising:
 - an ultrasonic probe that transmits an ultrasonic wave to a subject and receives a reflected wave therefrom;
 - a transmission-reception circuit that transmits a signal for ultrasonic wave transmission to the ultrasonic probe and processes the signal received by the ultrasonic probe;
 - an image display device that has a diagnostic image display region for displaying a diagnostic image based on an image signal from the transmission-reception circuit and displays a setting button and a cursor of a pointing device for making a selection of a setting condition; and
 - a control device that sets the setting condition based on the selection of the setting condition;
 - wherein the control device has
 - a function in which a pop-up menu opens by locating the cursor on the setting button, and
 - a function in which an alternative in the pop-up menu is selected by locating the cursor on the alternative and the alternative that is selected last is confirmed by moving the cursor to a region outside the pop-up menu.

2 - 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously presented) The ultrasonic diagnosis apparatus according to claim 1, which has a function of setting a time period until the pop-up menu opens by locating the cursor of the pointing device on the setting button drawn on a screen.

6. (Previously presented) An ultrasonic diagnosis apparatus comprising:

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an ultrasonic probe that transmits an ultrasonic wave to a subject and receives a reflected wave therefrom;

a transmission-reception circuit that transmits a signal for ultrasonic wave transmission to the ultrasonic probe and processes the signal received by the ultrasonic probe;

an image display device that has a diagnostic image display region for displaying a diagnostic image based on an image signal from the transmission-reception circuit and displays a setting button and a cursor of a pointing device for making a selection of a setting condition; and

a control device that sets the setting condition based on the selection of the setting condition;

wherein the control device has

a function in which a pop-up menu opens by locating the cursor on the setting button, and

a function in which an alternative in the pop-up menu is selected by locating the cursor on the alternative and the alternative that is selected last is confirmed by moving the cursor rightward, leftward, horizontally, upward, downward or vertically in the selected alternative in the pop-up menu.

7. (Previously presented) The ultrasonic diagnosis apparatus according to claim 6, which has a function of setting a time period until the pop-up menu opens by locating the cursor of the pointing device on the setting button drawn on a screen.

8 - 9. (Canceled)